How to Study the Bible Practicum

In this practicum the goal is to take each of these Bible questions and use the methods as studied in the How to Study the Bible section of the DVD and answer each of the questions. The goal is to use this practicum without any study aids like: (Amazing facts booklets, Ellen Whites Writings, etc.) The goal is to use the simple principles reviewed in the study along with your concordances and ascertain truth.

Beginner Scenarios

- 1) Romans 6:14- The issue with this verse is the fact that Paul says we are not under law, but under grace. Your goal is to explain what the verse is saying as well as what the verse is not saying. This argument is typically used to explain why we do not have to keep the law of God.
- 2) <u>John 14:28</u>- SDA's believe that Jesus is equal to the Father yet, here Jesus clearly states that His Father is greater than He. You must explain what is the verses saying as well as what it is not saying.
- 3) <u>Ecclesiastes 12:7</u>- SDA's believe that when a person dies they go to the grave. Yet the scripture clearly says the spirit goes back to God. Please explain what the verse is saying as well as what the verse is not saying.
- 4) Acts 20:7- Many believe that because the disciples broke bread on the 1st day of the week, it symbolized that the first day of the wee must have been a sacred day set apart for holy use. Hence Sunday sacredness. Please explain what the berse is saying as well as what the verse is not saying.

Intermmediate Scenarios

- 1) <u>Colossians 2:14-16</u>- This is a most popular text to explain why God's people do not have to keep the Sabbath. Many believe this passage of scripture is explaining that the Sabbath has been done away with. Please explain what the verse is saying as well as what it is not saying.
- 2) <u>Deuteronomy 14:26</u>- Many have read this scripture to believe that we can drink whatever you want especially alcohol according to God's permissive will. Please explain what the verse is saying as well as what it is not saying.
- 3) <u>1st Samuel 28:7-15</u>- This scripture has perplexed many as it relates to what the Bible says on the state of the dead. Clearly it seems Saul is talking to the prophet Samuel after he was deceased. Please explain what the verse is saying as well as what it is not saying.
- 4) Matthew 15:11-20- The Health Message God has given to us is wonderful. Yet while we practice our dietary restrictions the Bible seems to say in this pasage that nothing goes in a man, defiles a man. How do you balance out what God says about the consumption of clean and unclean animals as well as general dietary laws of health and this scripture. Please explain what the verse is saying as well as what it is not saying.

Advanced Scenarios

1) <u>Ezekiel 16:11-13</u>- God has ALWAYS had a standard on jewelry and artificial adornment. It was a simple standard which was that

His people should not wear it. Yet, these verses seem to show that God gave His people jewelry to wear. How do you explain this? Please explain what these verses are saying as well as what they are not saying.

2) <u>Luke 16:19-31</u>- Perhaps the strongest argument in favor of immediate life after death by the Evangelical world is the story of the Rich mand and Lazarus. Please biblically explain these passages of scripture and tell what this story is saying as well as what it is not saying.